

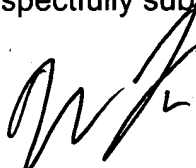
25. (amended) An automatic separator/extractor accordingly to claim 22, wherein the vibration strength, vibration period pattern, vibration time and timing due to said agitating section are set by said operation/control section based on the nature or amount of liquid contained in a vessel, the shape or size of a vessel, and/or the contents or purpose of a process.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain in the application. Claims 17, 20, and 25 have been amended. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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